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The theme for this year's Acquisition and Logistics Reform Week 2000, 22-26 May 2000, is appropriately entitled "Embracing Change for the 21st Century Warfighter." Our Strategic Plan is committed to meeting the challenges to develop and procure the weapons systems of tomorrow better, smarter, cheaper and faster for our Warfighter. Dr. Gansler has asked us to cease our normal operations for one day during this special week and focus on acquisition and logistics reform in order to share implementation successes and determine what can be done to continue the reform. The Department of the Navy Acquisition Reform Office (ARO), along with the Acquisition Reform Team Working Group (ARTWG) and the Systems Commands (SYSCOMs), are developing some new and innovative ways to supplement your individual organization's plans with core Acquisition and Logistics reform events.

The Department of the Navy will start the week on Monday, 22 May by participating in the OSD Pentagon Kick Off Event in the Pentagon Courtyard. The morning ceremonies will honor this year's *David Packard Excellence in Acquisition* award winners, including the Department of the Navy's winner. The Navy will feature several of our programs in display booths, highlighting our successes in exhibits located throughout the Pentagon, and speakers participating in discussions throughout the afternoon.

On Tuesday, 23 May, our A&LR Week event will be held at the Crystal City Forum. We are pleased to bring together our Washington area commands and organizations to share our successes and look to our future. Later in the morning, this year's *David Packard Excellence in Acquisition* award nominees join us for a panel discussion. After a lunch break, we will have a discussion led by OSD and DON on the rewrite of DOD 5000.

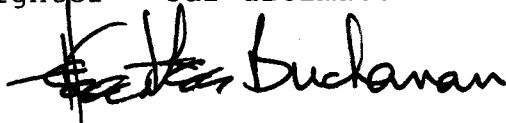
The ARO has also organized six informative and timely Breakout Sessions to assist our acquisition community. Session topics include: Knowledge Management, Logistics Reform, Total Ownership Cost, Risk Management, DOD 5000 Rewrite, and Incorporating Acquisition Reform into Your Daily Work. The

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sessions are intended for all levels of acquisition personnel. These sessions are scheduled through the ARO, (703) 602-5506 and are held at your site. Senior OSD and Navy personnel, recognized as experts in their particular subject area, will lead these sessions. You are strongly encouraged to take advantage of these sessions.

You will be receiving additional information from the ARO and your supporting SYSCOMs and organizations as the week approaches. The ARO Website (<http://www.ar.navy.mil>) has the latest information on the events as well as available training products. The ARO point of contact for Acquisition and Logistics Reform Week is Mary Lawson-Hines, (703) 602-5506.

I strongly encourage you to include these events within your activity's plans. I further challenge you to embrace Change for the 21st Century Warfighter - our ultimate customer.



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